Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 18 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 17 Oct 2023 at 16:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very unsettled, windy weather over the next few days with very wet conditions on Thursday. Low for Saturday onwards.

Headline for Wednesday 18 Oct 2023: Very strong and gusty winds. Mainly dry and bright.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Oct 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	30%	30%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Oct 2023

Weather: Cloudy overnight with some patchy rain arriving from the southwest. Wednesday starts mainly cloudy with some light rain around in the morning but this clearing by midday then some brightness in the afternoon. Very windy and gusty conditions, especially on high summits and ridges.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% in northeast, 90% in southwest.

Low cloud and visibility: Patchy cloud above 600m, mainly affecting the Caithness and Sutherland hills but cloud mainly well above the tops elsewhere. Generally good visibility but a haze will obscure more distant hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	29/36 E	35/43 E	40/50 E	44/55 E	44/57 E	44/60 E	45/61 E	47/62 E	49/66 E
900	27/34 E	33/42 E	37/47 E	40/52 E	41/54 E	42/58 E	43/59 E	45/61 E	48/65 E
600	20/28 SE	23/33 E	24/36 E	27/41 E	29/45 E	29/47 E	30/49 E	33/51 E	34/53 E
300	9/22 E	8/27 E	9/31 E	11/35 E	13/38 E	17/39 E	15/42 E	14/45 E	15/48 E
Glen	15/24 E	18/31 E	20/37 E	23/41 E	24/44 E	26/46 E	27/49 E	27/52 E	28/53 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-4	2/-5	2/-6	2/-6	3/-4	4/-4	3/-5	3/-6	3/-6
900	3/-3	3/-4	3/-5	3/-5	4/-3	5/-2	4/-4	3/-4	4/-5
600	6/1	6/0	5/0	6/0	7/2	8/2	7/1	6/-0	6/-0
300	6/3	6/4	7/4	8/5	10/7	10/7	8/5	8/5	8/5
Glen	9/6	10/6	10/6	10/7	12/8	13/8	11/7	11/7	11/7
Freezing Level*	1500m	1600m	1900m	2300m	2300m	2400m	2300m	2400m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very strong winds developing above 600m with gusts of 60 to 80mph on the tops making progress very difficult. Beware of sudden gusts on sheltered lee slopes at times.

Forecast for Thursday 19 Oct 2023

Weather: Mainly dry overnight. Rain spreading north through the morning becoming heavy at times, especially in the east but some drier spells towards the west coast. Strong winds and rain will make conditions very difficult.

Maximum wind: East or Southeast 40 to 50mph gusts 70 to 80mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% becoming 20%.

Low cloud and visibility: Mainly good at first but becoming mainly poor in heavy rain with cloud extensive above 600 or 700m. Good visibility at times in the west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 11C rising to 13 or 14C.
At 800m: Plus 8C.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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